Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—As much time will be given as is consistent with the collection and statutory requirements.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased tc make some departure in view of the present depression?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government will not promise to make any departure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they look into the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The matter can be looked into.

Prices of paddy and cocoanuts—prevailing rates.

12. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the prices prevailing in the State now for (1) paddy per Mudra para (2) cocoanuts per 1,000;

(b) the prices that prevailed in the State when the last Revenue Settlement was effected;

(c) whether prices for these commodities have not gone down considerably since the last Revenue Settlement;

(d) what action the Government has taken to compensate the ryots for this heavy fall in prices?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) (1) The price of paddy per Mudra para prevailing in the State ranges from 5½ as. to 7½ as.

(2) The price of cocoanuts per 1,000 ranges at present from Rs. 15 to 25.

(b) The prices that prevailed at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement ranged between 6 to 10 as. per Mudra para for paddy and between Rs. 28—12—0 and Rs. 60 for 1,000 cocoannts.

(c) Yes; the prices of these commodities have gone down.

(d) The Government have granted liberal remission of assessment due from the ryots besides the granting of a Special Loan of 5 lakhs for distribution on easy terms among them. An Economic Survey has been ordered and its result is being awaited.

Assistant Surgeon's Deputation.

13. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received the reply of the Surgeon-General since replying to question No. 81 on 24th January 1934;

(2) whether they had enquired of any other Government regarding this;

(3) if so, will they be pleased to place all the replies on the table;

(4) whether they have come to any conclusion regarding the matter;

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